Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, 41 million Americans do not have health care coverage; and,

Whereas, Eight out of 10 of the uninsured are in working families that cannot afford health insurance and are not eligible for public programs; and,

Whereas, Uninsured Americans live sicker and die younger because they are forced to go without the health care they need; and,

Whereas, A slow economy, higher unemployment and rising health costs mean that more Americans are becoming uninsured in our community:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby recognize the urgency of seeking solutions to one of America's greatest problems and proclaim March 10-16, 2003, as

COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State